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Hongkong, 24th July, 1901. [777c]

Today's
Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, commencing at 2.15 P.M., there will be a HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKES of 50 cents each, and \$30 added; 3 Prizes: the highest net score to receive a Gold Maltese Cross. Handicaps will be revised prior to the competition.

ALEX. MACKENZIE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1901. [45]EOTHEN MARK LODGE,
No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASON'S Hall, Zeland Street, TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, at 8.45 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 27th December, 1901. [140c]

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- 3.—The ring to measure sixteen feet.
- 4.—Men to weigh in at 4 P.M. on day of contest.
- 5.—Should either man exceed the above weight he will forfeit all money deposited.
- 6.—Match to come off in Hongkong on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, January 23rd, 24th, or 25th, 1902.

No other terms will suit. All offers of purses to be made before above date. Failing a suitable purse, will box for the stakes. WILLIAM H. BENTLEY, (Backer).

[Note.—Mr. Bentley has deposited twenty sovereigns with us as an earnest of good faith. All challenges to be sent to this office. Ed., 27.12.7.]
Hongkong, 20th December, 1901. [1364c]

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BIRTHS.

On December 8th, at Tientsin, the wife of Wm. A. HARDING of a son.

On December 8th, the wife of EVAN MATHEW of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Tongshan, of a daughter.

DEATH.

On the 15th inst., at 7 p.m., HENRY GARDIN WAGGOTT, eldest son of W. Waggott, of Kobe, at Rokkaku's Hospital, age 27 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1901.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

MARQUIS ITO'S TOUR.

LONDON, December 24th.
Marquis Ito has arrived in London.

SOUTH AFRICA.

BOERS LAAGERS SURPRISED.

Colonels Colenbrander and Steele have surprised Boer laagers in the Pietersburg district, Northern Transvaal, capturing sixty two and thirty two of the enemy respectively.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

EXCHANGE remains unchanged at 1s. 14d.

NEW YORKERS will have to pay \$12,000,000 more taxes this year than last.

NEW ORLEANS now boasts of being the greatest fruit market in the world.

DR. AND MRS. LOWSON arrived from Sydney by the *Chingho* yesterday.THE *BUGAND*, French cruiser, arrived at Wusung from Yokohama on the 19th instant.

THE EXPORT of cigarettes to China, Korea and other Asiatic countries is steadily increasing.

A GUN has been mounted on the fort at Wei-hai-wei, and foreign war-ships calling there will hereafter be saluted.

"OUR VERY OWN"—Lieut. Bingham and 150 men of the Hongkong Regiment arrived from Tientsin to-day by the s.s. *Nanchang*.

COL. MAYNE, C.B., and the Officers of the 30th Baluchis were "at home" to their friends at Shanghai on the evening of the 19th instant.

A. M. S. WATERWITCH left this forenoon to resume her survey work in Mira Bay. We understand that the survey will be completed within a few days.

OVERDUE.—On the 20th instant the s.s. *Changon* was three days overdue at Shanghai and it was presumed that she must have gone ashore somewhere up river.

THE STEAMERS Nos. 2, 3 and 4 Hikawa Maru, which were formerly owned by the Iyo Steam Ship Co., were bought by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha a few days ago.

THE MATCHES exported from Kobe during last month amounted to 27,445 cases. The Hyogo Guild contributed 20,092 cases, the Osaka Guild 7,152 cases, and the rest came from outsiders.

THE NEW SCREW STEAMER *Kumano Maru*, has carried out a series of most successful trials in Tokyo Bay near Kisarazu, when the vessel made a mean speed of 16.697 knots on the measured course.

THE RIFLE Association, as notified elsewhere, will hold a handicap sweepstakes competition to-morrow. The entrance fee is fifty cents, and thirty dollars will be added to the stakes. The highest net score will receive a gold Maltese cross.

A VERY ARTISTIC CALENDAR is to hand from the Victoria Dispensary, and Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. forward a useful almanack from the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company, for whom they are the local agents.

MRE G. HILLIER, Manager at Peking of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, has been appointed British Representative on the Commission for the arrangement of the payment of the indemnity and is expected at Shanghai immediately.

THE STEAMER *SEITOKU MARU* (1,200 tons), belonging to Okura & Co., while in Nagasaki on her way from Moji to Shanghai, collided with a foreign steamer early in the month, and sustained damage. She had on board 1,200 tons of coal for Hongkong.

FELL DOWN STAIRS.—Tam Ki, of 124, Connaught Road, ran down stairs in a hurry yesterday, and to hasten matters turned a somersault en route. He is now an occupant of the morgue, a fractured skull being the result of his acrobatic feat. He died on the way to the hospital.

A SWEDISH MAJOR, named Unge, has invented a new torpedo, which can be fired under water or through the air for a distance of 4,700 metres. Experiments at Stockholm have been very successful, and experts declare that the torpedo is one of the most destructive weapons yet invented.

THE OSAKA SHOEN KAISHA has purchased a British steamer of 1,500 tons, which will arrive at Yokohama about the middle of the current month. The Company has been contemplating the extension of the North China line, and the newly purchased steamer will be put on this service.

THE BRITISH STEAMER *Glengarry* (3,035 tons) belonging to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., which left Shanghai for Kobe on the 4th inst., while entering the harbour of Kobe, went ashore at Minatogawa-jiri, at 7 p.m., but she was safely floated an hour afterwards, without causing damage either to the hull or the cargo.

THE ARMY will play the Navy on the Cricket Club Ground to-morrow. The Royal Engineers will play a Club Eleven in Happy Valley, starting at 1.30 p.m. The following will play for the Club Eleven.—Messrs. Hay, Hanson, Grey, Robertson, Wild, Wheeler, Woodgates Head, Rutherford, Another, Brown (Captain).

THE RED BAND.—The wearing of a red band on the vaccinated arm is now recognised as the right thing at home. It is not often that fashion tolerates anything so sensible. As the left arm is almost invariably the limb operated on, wayfarers look as if they were carrying a red light on the port bow, and the similarity is all the greater as they follow the same "rule of the road" as ships.

VIOLET DAY.—A movement is on foot to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria by the wearing of violets. No doubt "Violet Day" would become an even more important institution than Primrose Day, as the idea is certain to be universally adopted, and thus another simple flower be made to yield extra work and profit to market growers, fruiterers, and florists.

FOOTBALL.—To-morrow afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play V. Navy under Rugby rules. Kick-off at 4 p.m. The Club will play in Blue and White Stripes. The following will play for the Club.—Knox, full back; Another, Beattie, Smyth, Another, three-quarters; Jordan, Burlee, halves; Hallifax, Goldring, Clark, Sandford, Wolfe, Wilson, Von der Pforden, Muirnie (Capt.) forwards.

A NEW CANAL.—It is proposed to connect the Black and Caspian seas by a canal navigable for moderate draft ships. It will extend from Taganrog, on the Sea of Azov, to Astrakhan, on the Caspian, by way of the Volga. It will be 530 miles long, 84 feet wide and 22 feet deep. It will be supplied with water from the mountain streams Terek and Kuban. The surplus water will be utilised for irrigation and the generation of electric power.

BY KIND PERMISSION of Lieut.-Col. Baillie and Officers, the Band of the 22nd Bombay Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from 8 to 9.30 p.m. —

PROGRAMME.
1.—Serenade..... "The Belle of New York"..... Kerker.
2.—Valse..... "The Maid of the Mill"..... Liddell.
3.—La Serenata..... "Der Engel Lied"..... Bragg.
4.—Toll..... "Celtic"..... Whistler.
5.—Selection..... "Reminiscences of Scotland"..... Godfrey.
6.—"God save the King."THE ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY and Minister Plenipotentiary for Portugal to the Chinese Court, H. E. Senhor Conselheiro Jose d'Azevedo, Castello-Branco, intends leaving with his suite, for Peking by the French mail on the 31st instant. On Tuesday he made a trip from Macao, in company with J. E. the Governor of Macao, to meet the Portuguese Charge d'Affaires in Japan, who is on his way home by the German mail steamer, *Monte Albert*.

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THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD has adopted a system of compulsory insurance amongst the employees, which has reached dimensions in accordance with the size and prosperity of the company, assuring every individual contributing towards the fund adequate support in case of accident, death, or old age pension. A small tax is levied on the wages earned, and the company itself liberally donates towards each institution before deciding on its dividend.

CAPT. BEATTY, R.N.—We heard the other day from a friend of Captain Beatty, R.N., D.S.O., the gallant young Commander who so distinguished himself with the *Barfleur* in the Siege of Tientsin, that he has at last had to have his wounded arm amputated, says the *P. & O. Times*. Happily Captain Beatty has now reached such rank that his serious misfortune will in no way interfere with his prospects in the Service, he so greatly admires. We also hear that though he has lost an arm, he has gained a wife.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY.—A very delightful concert and Christmas tree entertainment was given at the Government Civil Hospital. Among those who took part were Messrs. G. Grimble, A. G. Ward, C. H. Dale, R.W.F., instrumental music, Mrs. Mudie, Captain J. H. G. Casserly, 22nd B.L., Mr. W. G. Worcester, Mrs. Bodeley, Mrs. D. E. Brown and Mr. P. W. Goldring, who rendered several very enjoyable vocal selections. After the musical features, the guests repaired to the Christmas tree where Lady Gascoigne officiated, distributing souvenirs of the occasion.

THE CATHOLIC UNION.—The annual tea of the Catholic Union was held in the rooms of the Glenelyc Orphanage on Christmas Day. The affair was most successful; close on 800 children were present and each received a present of some description. Needless to say, the little ones spent a very happy time and went away delighted with themselves and the world in general. A large basket of toys was sent to the Italian Convent for distribution amongst the smaller children and the little patients in the infirmary. On the 2nd and 3rd January a dinner is to be given to the aged poor in the "Home of the Aged and Infirm."

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon in the Council Chamber. There were present:—His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry Blake, G.C.M.G.), His Excellency Major-General Sir W. J. Gascoigne, K.C.M.G. (General Officer Commanding), Hon. W. M. Goodman, K. C. (Attorney General), Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Commander R. M. Rumsey, R.N. (Harbour Master), Hon. C. McL. Messer (Acting Colonial Treasurer), Hon. W. Chatham (Director of Public Works), Hon. A. W. Brevin (Registrar General), Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Hon. J. Thurburn, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. Wei A Yuk, and Mr. R. F. Johnson (Acting Clerk of Councils).

The Clerk of Councils read the minutes of the last meeting.

KOWLOON WATERWORKS GRAVITATION SCHEME.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table copy of a letter and enclosure sent from H.E. the Governor to the Secretary of State relating to the Kowloon Waterworks Gravitation Scheme. He stated that a telegram had been received from the Secretary of State in which he informed H.E. the Governor that he had referred the scheme to Mr. Hadwick to report upon.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The Colonial Secretary moved that financial minutes No. 71 and 74 be referred to the Finance Committee.

FINANCE.

The Colonial Secretary submitted the report of the Finance Committee.

SUMMONING-OF CHINESE ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General had given notice of motion as to Ordinance No. 40 of 1889. It read as follows:—Whereas by section 5 of The Summoning of Chinese Ordinance, 1889 (No. 40 of 1889), it was enacted that the said Ordinance should only continue in operation for the period of two years from the coming into operation of the said Ordinance and for such further period or periods as might from time to time be determined by Resolution of the Legislative Council: It is hereby resolved by this Council that The Summoning of Chinese Ordinance, 1889, shall be continued in operation for the further period of three months from the 30th day of December, 1901 (inclusive). He said the Ordinance had now been in operation for nearly two years, and he understood it had worked very satisfactorily. It could not be put into operation without the direction of the Governor, as he alone could direct the Registrar General to make the enquiries referred to therein. It was not, therefore, surprising, knowing how carefully matters of that kind were considered by His Excellency, that no complaints had been brought to the knowledge either of the Registrar General or the Attorney General of any harsh or undue exercise of the very necessary powers conferred by the Ordinance.

The motion having been seconded was duly confirmed.

INCREASED EXCHANGE COMPENSATION.

H.E. the Governor said that before proceeding to the Orders of the day there was a matter that he had been instructed to bring before them by telegram from the Secretary of State. In October last the estimates of expenditure went home, and at that time in Hongkong they were aware there was an increased grant of salaries and emoluments to the officials of the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States. There was no provision made in this Colony for any increase further than that recommended at the time by the Committee. A short time afterwards, however, he received from the Secretary of State a copy of the despatch that had been addressed to the Straits Settlements in which in answer to the representations made by the Straits Settlements and the Malay States the

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Secretary of State had determined that in future all appointments, the remuneration of which were over \$1200 a year, should be paid in sterling, but as regarded the present holders of office there were certain exceptional advantages which they held such as the advantages held by old officials who received when on leave half pay at the rate of 4s. per dollar and when on active service in the Colony compensation at the rate of 3s. 8d. per dollar. The Secretary of State however, said he did not at present propose to increase the salaries of the officials in Hongkong in the same way until he was satisfied of the financial soundness of the Colony. His Excellency explained that he at once saw the position in which Hongkong would be as compared with the other Colonies and he wrote to the Secretary of State fully pointing out the matter, and that it was in the soundest position of any Colony in the Empire. In answer, he received a telegram from him agreeing to the granting of additional exchange compensation from the beginning of the next month subject to the conditions laid down in the case of the Straits, but subject to the consent of the Legislative Council. He remarked that it would mean an increase of about \$120,000 a year.

Discussion ensued and ultimately Dr. Ho Kai proposed, "That the decision of the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding the further grant of exchange compensation to civil servants of this Colony subject to the approval of the Legislative Council be approved by this Council."

The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving seconded and the motion was carried.

[A full report of the discussion and an extended account of His Excellency's remarks together with other business transacted will appear in our issue to-morrow.]

A VISIT TO THE HAPPY VALLEY.

There is an old latin quotation, "Tot flomines, tot sententiae."—So many men so many opinions—and this saying is particularly true of Christmas Day. Some spend the time by taking a short trip to Canton or Macao; Others make merry in the midst of their friends, talk of old days, and hope that that day next year they will meet in the old country. A number pass the day by going to church in the morning and making good resolutions in the afternoon—the fate of many of the latter we know so well. Many worship at the shrine of Bacchus; a God time without number denounced and cursed for causing the greater part of the crime, misery, and poverty on the earth, but who still proudly holds up his head stronger than ever, owing to the fact that the number of his followers increases year by year. Others spend the day in a manner more or less orthodox.

The writer spent a few hours in a visit to the Protestant Cemetery at the Happy Valley. A soothing half hour was spent in a meditation on the mystery of life and death, but as millions of people have pondered over the same matter without coming to a satisfactory conclusion, the writer is not ashamed to say he left the cemetery no wiser than when he entered it.

On entering the gate one is at once struck with the beauty of the spot. To the South stretches an uneven ridge of lofty mountains, thick with vegetation, the tops of which are darkened by the clouds passing over them, high above the cemetery the aqueduct on the Bowen Road stands out clearly, the only visible sign that human foot has ever reached the heights above. The flower beds are laid out with beautiful and various kinds of flowers all in full bloom; stately palm trees, fir trees, and tropical vegetation of all colours meet one's eye in every direction; here and there, half hidden by the shrubs and foliage, a monument erected to the memory of the soldiers and sailors who died in China, "in the execution of their duty" during the China War may be seen; around one are the tomb-stones, in many cases covered with grass, of those whose names figure in the earliest records and who helped to make Hongkong the prosperous Colony it now is.

Close by a side path, is a tomb-stone erected many years ago, which is particularly noticeable; in a glass casing is the portrait of the man buried there; the epitaph runs:—

"Stay, stranger, stay, as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I,
As I am now you soon may be,
Oh then prepare to follow me."

To a religiously inclined person the force of this warning will be accentuated when, walking on further, the tombstones of several persons who were alive only a few weeks ago are reached. Here is a fine chance to the reader and point a moral with good effect, but the reader must do that for himself; the writer is too conscious of his own shortcomings to attempt to do so.

Anyone interested in the history of the Colony, and wishing to get an idea of the lives lost in its building up during the late forties and fifties, has only to take a trip to the cemetery. Let him read the inscriptions on some of the monuments and he will be thankful that he was not living here in those early, unhealthy days, when three years decimated a regiment. There are many memories of those who fell in action in China. One's recollection of the recent storming of the Taku Forts is revived on reading a tablet to the memory of those who were killed at its first taking.

To a lover of the picturesque and beautiful the Happy Valley ought to be an ideal place, in which to be buried. Boss Tweed, some years ago the leader of Tammany Hall, is reported to have been asked to subscribe towards the cost of repairing the wall around the local cemetery. He refused to subscribe. Asked the reason of his refusal—he replied, "It's no use; those inside don't want to get outside, and those outside don't want to get inside." I venture to think that if Mr.

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Tweed had been asked to subscribe towards a wall around the Happy Valley Cemetery, he would have known many persons to whom a long sleep in the Happy Valley would be a relief, contrasted with the daily toil, hunger, and misery they were enduring.

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THE S.S. "IYO MARU."

A short time ago we had the pleasure of noticing an addition to the already large fleet of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and again yesterday through the courtesy of Mr. Yamanagata the acting manager of the Company in Hongkong, and at the invitation of Captain J. J. G. Parsons, we paid a visit of inspection to the last built, viz., the s.s. *Iyo Maru*, now lying at anchor, preparatory to starting on her maiden trip to Seattle. The great point of interest in the ship is, she was built, engine, fitted and upholstered in Japan, by the Mitsui Bishi Co. of Nagasaki, and the general workmanship is an eloquent testimony to the up-to-dateness of the contractors. From stem to stern and truck to keelson no modern appliance is wanting, either for handling cargo or adding to the comfort and safety of the passengers. Her dimensions are 460 feet long, 50 ft. beam, depth of hold 30 ft. and when loaded she draws 26 feet. The forward main deck is fitted with four derricks operated by the latest type of steam winches, also a special boom is carried for the purpose of raising any special piece up to 30 tons' dead weight. Alleysways run aft under the promenade deck to the main hatch, when the same facilities are provided, so that all cargo can be handled expeditiously and carefully. On the upper deck, looking forward, is the chart room and passing through this, the quarters of the "Great I am" are reached. Right through the ship, the N. Y. K. have been careful for the comfort of their officers, roomy quarters are provided throughout and nowhere is this exemplified more than the Captain's stateroom, lavatory and bathroom. Fitted with everything that science can devise and foresight recommend, there is nothing cheap or shoddy from the electric light fittings down through the list of creature comforts to the figured silk hangings and the velvet pile carpeting. Behind the smoke stack on the upper deck are, two huge tanks, one for salt and the other for fresh water. These supply all the cabins, bath rooms and lavatories so that any passenger can at a moment's notice have a hot or cold, salt or fresh water bath.

The 1st class cabins, fitted with two berths in each, follow out the general line of decorative furnishing and, while being necessarily limited in space, leave ample room for the occupiers, because not an inch of room is wasted. For instance, the chest of drawers is fitted with a writing table on top, the settee can be filled with dunnage, the washstand folds away into nothingness leaving a space large enough to move about in and small enough to be snug when the patent steam heating apparatus is turned on. At the entrance to the saloon is the social hall, sumptuously upholstered, with a piano in the centre by one of the best known firms, and carpeted as is the whole of the ship throughout. Descending, the saloon is reached, capable of seating about 40 and extending from side to side, with the exception of the necessary deck space. Saloon, staircase, social hall and state-rooms are all fitted with the beautiful Japanese *Schiodi* wood, in colouring and texture resembling birdseye maple, but much harder, and upholstered with Russian leather. Returning to the upper-deck, one notices the library, containing the London *Telegraph's* 100 best books, and then reaches one of the most important rooms in the ship, viz., the smoking room. Inviting looking couches line the walls, with small tables adjoining, and in one corner a serving through which refreshments of all kinds are issued, not forgetting iced lager on draught.

The alleyway on the lower deck is occupied by the offices of the bakers, butchers, scullery &c. &c., being handy both to the galley and saloon. On the port side are the cabins of the engineers with their mess room adjoining. Going aft the accommodation for 12 European steerage passengers is seen, with their own mess room and a fine promenade on the poop deck. Throughout the ship the solidity of the build, the elegance of the fittings, the comfort of the passengers (even to being fitted with bilge keels to prevent rolling) the precautions taken for the safe and quick handling of cargo, all proclaim the fact that the N.Y.K. believe in having the best of everything, relying on the appreciation of travellers and shippers for their return. So much for the ship and now for the man. Capt. J. J. G. Parsons, who has the command, has a 30 years reputation for probity and good seamanship and while being a guarantee against accidents, by his personality is bound to make his vessel one of the most popular. The ship's complement number 121 all told with Mr. A. Franklin as chief officer and Mr. Rollands in charge of the engine room. A doctor is carried, also a stewardess and a washerman, who has a well fitted laundry to work in. The *Iyo Maru* sails for Seattle on December 30th via Japanese ports and so to Hongkong; such will be her regular run.

Below we give a few figures that will give intending travellers an idea of the latest example of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's enterprise.

Length	460 feet
Beam	50 "
Depth of hold	30 "
Deck (loaded)	25 "
Tonnage	4,010 tons
Cargo capacity	7,500 "
Horse power	560 n.m.
Speed developed on trial	15.3 kts.
Saloon passengers	36 "
Stateroom (European)	12 "
(Chinese)	200 "

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HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventeenth ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Limited was held at the Company's Registered Offices, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, at noon to-day. There were present Messrs. H. Humphreys (in the chair), J. A. Jupp, C. Ewins, J. A. Tarrant and G. Rapp.

The report and statement of accounts has already appeared in these columns.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, I propose with your permission to dispense with the formality of reading the Report and Statement of Accounts, as you are doubtless already familiar with them. The traffic receipts for the year again show a satisfactory increase. The cost of running the line has been somewhat larger than in previous years, owing to considerable additions to the time table in the early part of the year, and would have been larger still but for the unexpected amount of wear which we have got out of the soft steel ropes now in use. We have two new hard steel ropes in stock, but when these are used we do not propose to repeat them. During the year a considerable portion of the Permanent Way has been relaid with new rails. You will notice that Rolling Stock has been increased by \$1,338,256; this is principally made up by the cost of two new steel framed cars from England, which arrived about two months ago, and are now being got ready for service on the line. The company will then have three steel framed cars and two wooden ones. The latter, which are nearly worn out, will be broken up and, for this reason, we recommend the writing down of Rolling Stock by \$5,000. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

Mr. Tarrant seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Jupp, Messrs. C. Ewins, C. W. Dickson, and J. Orange were re-elected to the Consulting Committee.

Messrs. Fullerton Henderson and W. H. Potts were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. C. Ewins, seconded by Mr. J. Orange.

The Chairman said—That is all the business, gentlemen. The dividend warrants are now ready.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH AND INSTITUTE.

Christmas is always a busy season at the Seamen's Church, and this year it was unusually so by reason of the large number of men who came together to take part in the festivities.

The day's proceedings commenced with a bright and hearty service in the Church, at which an offertory was taken for the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners Society. After this a number of launches, one of which was kindly lent by the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. and another by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, took a large party of men round to Deepwater Bay. A most interesting programme of sports, many of the items of a most amusing character, was carried out under the superintendence of the Rev. T. Wright, the assistant chaplain, and a band of willing workers.

Meanwhile another company had been equally busy at the Institute in Kowloon, and when the party returned from the sports they found the Institute, bright with bunting and other pleasing decorations, and—best of all—the lower room crowded with tables, gay with flowers, and positively loaded with good things, a most pleasing and appetising spectacle to the eyes of men hungry with healthy exercise in the open air. As nearly three hundred men came together, and with the utmost ingenuity it was not possible to seat more than two hundred and twenty it was necessary to have a second sitting down. When at last the good things below had almost all disappeared an adjournment was made to the upper room. This room had been tastefully decorated with flags and greenery, under the superintendence of Messrs. Perry and Hill. The central figure, however, was a beautiful model of a brig, which was destined to play a large part in the festivities of the evening. A capital musical programme had been arranged by Corporal Little and this, together with the singing of hymns, in which the men joined so heartily that tears for the safety of the roof were expressed, filled in the evening very pleasantly. The first important break came when the prizes won in the sports were distributed by Miss Johnston, of Fairlie; roars of laughter going up when two winners of shaving brushes were discovered in full beard, looking with comical dismay at their hard won prizes. Shortly afterwards Miss Ethel Parker was introduced by the Senior Chaplain as the Skipper of the *Brig Star* which had just been berthed alongside the platform. At once the hatch was taken off, the skipper stepped aboard, and assisted by a starboard "mate" in the person of the Rev. J. D. Dathan "mate" H.M.S. *Goliath*, proceeded to distribute the presents, of which every man received a share. A thoroughly enjoyable day was brought to a close shortly after ten o'clock by the singing of the National anthem.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

On Christmas morning high mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church. The proceedings commenced with the choir singing a mass in B, assisted by the band of H.M.S. *Orlando* under the baton of Mr. A. Bassillo, while Mr. E. Dannenberg acted as accompanist. Solos were rendered by Miss E. Carvalho, and Mrs. J. A. Almada e Castro, whose fine voice was heard to great advantage. Mr. L. Graca, to the accompaniment of the organ, gave Handel's *Largo* as a voluntary on the violin.

THE BAR.

The congestion of the Bar still continues, though the past two days have been milder.

MESSRS. COTTAM & CO. for THE LATEST STYLES in TRESS & CO'S FELT HATS.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

H. K. F. C. v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

A scratch game between these two teams was played on the Football Ground yesterday. Neither team were up to full strength and one of the goals should have been disallowed. Result:—Royal Engineers, 2 goals; H. K. F. C. nil.

TIENTSIN DAY BY DAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TIENTSIN, December 11th.

THE AMOK.

To-day the funeral of the two Germans shot by the frenzied Afriidi who ran amok took place, and was attended by the full British staff, and apparently the whole German force. There have been many versions of the fracas, the most notable that the Afriidi guard were fired upon by the Germans and returned the salutation with interest. This, according to an official statement, jointly made by the German and British generals, was not the case. As the statement is obviously drawn up by the Germans I reproduce it in full:—

THE STATEMENT.

As the enquiry has already confirmed, the frenzied Afriidi without the slightest provocation from the German side, killed a German Officer and a baker and wounded one corporal and another baker. All the above German soldiers were unarmed and a German guard had not yet arrived on the scene. When the latter did arrive, the only person it used its arms against was the frenzied Afriidi.

The Indian guard following up, fired into the German lines, undoubtedly with the intention of shooting the Afriidi, and the German soldiers engaged close by in building a church, who did not know what had previously occurred in the Indian barracks, could only suppose it was firing at them. The Indians then tried to force their way on to the strongly enclosed site occupied by the German commissariat, doubtless with the idea of seizing the madman, but in such a manner, that the German soldiers hastening to the spot from where they were engaged in building the church, and suddenly seeing a German officer lying there in his blood, could only imagine an attack was intended.

They consequently seized the Indian guard, but not before some casualties had occurred, and even these injuries would not have been sustained by the guard if it had not resisted its arrest.

We have the honour to be, etc.

VON ROHRSCHEIDT,

Major-General,

Commanding German Troops.

O'M CREGH, Major-General,

Comdg. British Contingent,

China Field Force.

Tientsin, 11th December, 1901.

In substance it is correct or we should not find General O'Creagh's name to it of course. But in spirit it conveys a misleading impression and we can readily believe that the British general was influenced mainly by motives of policy in affirming it. The credit of the Afriidi, valuable as it is, was hardly worth creating international complication about, and so the thing passes. It is worth while to explain however, that the Afriidi, it is true, fired into the German lines, that is, in the direction of the German barracks, but not at any German, their object being to bring down the mad murderer, and if there was any forcing of their way at all it was purely with the same idea, and as it was dark, and neither party could understand the other, it was hardly surprising that the utmost confusion prevailed. General O'Creagh states that the German General has behaved with the utmost courtesy, and that no blame attaches to the Germans. Under the circumstances an incident which might have had very disastrous results has passed on without complication.

HONOURS.

An Edict of the 9th announces that Ambassador Plenipotentiary Wang Wen-shao is granted the privilege of wearing a double-eyed peacock feather, and the Acting Viceroy of Chihli, Yuan Shi-kai is created Drevet Junior Protector of the Heir Apparent. Since the disinheritation of the late Heir this post has become something of a sinecure.

THE COURT.

A missionary just returned from Peking, where he has visited many of the leading Chinese, expresses the opinion that the Court must be coming back, as everywhere preparations are being made, the road specially prepared, and all officials of note have already left the Capital to go and meet it. From the latest accounts, however, the journey is being drawn out to its longest limits, and the return, if at all, will be next year.

THE LU-HAN RAILWAY.

The Lu Han railway has reached Hu-lu and trains are running between Tungchow and Cheung Ting-lu every other day. There is very little traffic on it at present, however, and the commercial prospect of the line is obscure.

BOXERS.

The Western Hills at Peking are said to be alive with Boxers, all eager for trouble with Christians, and they lately attacked and burnt down a Catholic Church in the neighbourhood and massacred a number of Christians. It is thought that a large force will be required to suppress them.

THE CLAIMS COURT.

Mr. Wilkinson, the Claims Commissioner, left Tientsin to-day, and the claims Court is now closed. A notification has been issued that claimants can obtain advances on their certificates, the mortgagee registering the transaction and lodging the document at the British Consulate. This will be a great convenience to some who have felt the pinch this year, though they will have to pay highly for their accommodation.

THE BAR.

The congestion of the Bar still continues, though the past two days have been milder.

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Entertainments.

BOXING.

CITY HALL, Jan. 1st, 1902.

A. MONK, R.W.F. and G. LENNARD, R.M.A. H.M.S. *Wivern*, will box the best of 20 Three-minute rounds with 4 oz. gloves for \$250 a side and a purse of \$400, under the Marquis of Queensbury rules, for the Heavy-weight Championship of the Colony (the previous holder Con Sheehan having left the Colony) both men are well known.

Also a 6 round Contest between A. SMART and J. DEEGAN, R.W.F. and S. BENTLEY, (Coloured), (10 St. Champion), will box a 4 round trial bout and other events.

Popular Prices—\$3, \$2 & \$1.

Tickets may be obtained at the Victoria and Kowloon Hotels.

Doors open at 8. Commence at 8.30. H. MARTIN, Manager.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [1397c]

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

A SUBSCRIPTION DANCE in aid of the above SOCIETY will be held in the CITY HALL, on JANUARY, 24TH, 1902, at 9.30 P.M.

TICKETS\$5 each.

Tickets may be had from Mrs. FORNES, East Point, or from Members of the Committee of the Society. Hongkong, 19th December, 1901.

Insurances.

"L'UNION"

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LD. (Established 1828).

THE Undersigned, having been appointed GENERAL AGENT for the above Company, is prepared to ACCEPT RISKS at current rates. Claims settled direct without reference to the Head Office.

A. R. MARTY, Agent.

Hongkong, 5th July, 1901. [712c]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN AND CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1894. [30]

Intimations.

SANITARY BOARD.

OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the Western Division of the City of Victoria who have not had their Premises LIME-WASHED and CLEANSED in accordance with Law, are reminded that the period during which this work should be FINISHED ends on the 31st day of DECEMBER, 1901, and the Sanitary Board being convinced of the necessity of cleanliness in its efforts to Stamp out Plague, is determined to rigorously prosecute any Owner in default after the above named Date.

By Order of the Board,

G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office,

1st December, 1901.

Notes:—The Western Division of the City lies to the West of Morrison and East Streets. [318c]

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undersigned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1902.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,

AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,

T. P. COCHRANE,

Pro. Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,

Chief Manager.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency,

L. ROGNON,

Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG,

J. W. R. TAYLOR,

Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, TARO HODSUMI,

Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER,

Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK, H. SCHOTTLAENDER,

Acting Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,

JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1901. [1391c]

XMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE Undersigned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1902.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents,

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.

and

General Managers,

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

For the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED,

W. J. SAUNDERS,

Secretary.

For the NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD., W. H. PERCIVAL,

Agent.

For the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED,

W. H. RAY,

Secretary.

For the YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED,

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

Agents.

For the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD., GEO. L. TOMLIN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1901. [1392c]

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1901.

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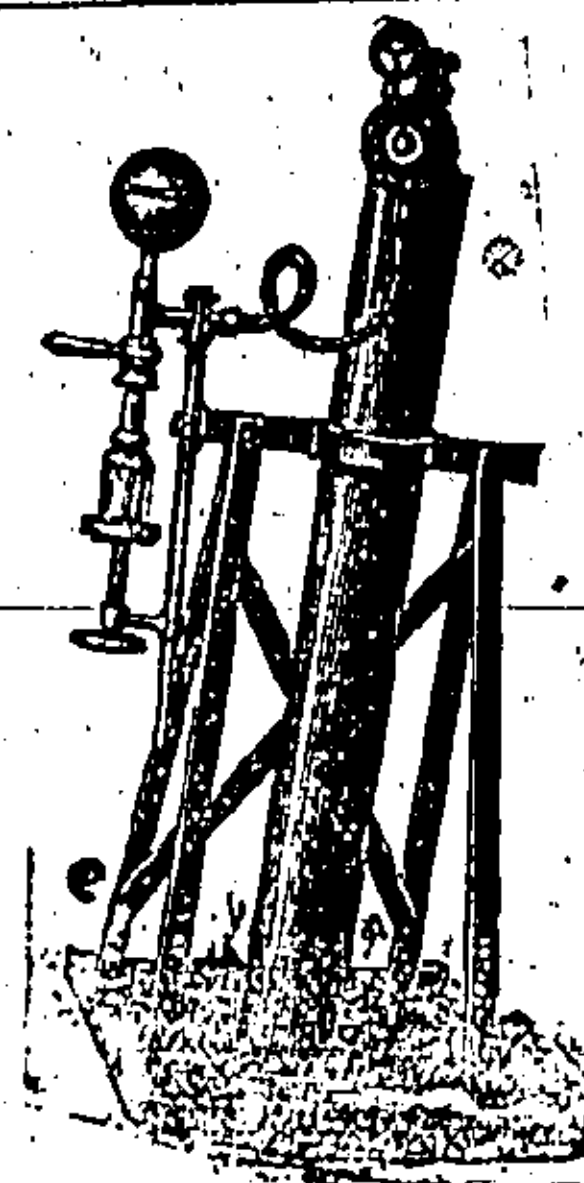
DIARIES, 1902.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [689c]

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the tortures in company with his comrades except at the last act, which it is alleged consisted of making the prisoners "breathe fire" through their nostrils—their mouths being stuffed up. After this person who, by the way, is said to have been only eighteen years of age, had confessed the whole plot as he knew it his comrades cried out a chorus of curses at him. They were then also forced to put a mark on the so-called "voluntary" confession by having a pen put into each man's hand while one of his torturers guided the pen. One part of the "confession" declared that numerous bodies of men had been specially detailed off to destroy the Cheng-tin-fu-Peking Railway—if all else had failed—and take up some of the rails as the Imperial train came on, whilst other bands of armed men had been ordered to fire at the Imperial train wherever chance offered en route. This being communicated to Viceroy Yuan Shih-k'ai, H.E. with his usual promptitude and energy at once made provision to guard against this portion of the great conspiracy by ordering all available troops under his jurisdiction to be ready to camp along the whole railway route from Ch'ing to Peking, thus making one continuous line of armed troops on both sides of the railway whilst mounted troops are to scour the whole countryside within fifteen li of each side of the railway and scatter any party of men exceeding two or three in number, at the same time arresting any suspicious characters in sight at the time of the expected passing of the Imperial train. The troops detailed for the purpose, camped in the vicinity of Peking, have already started for their destination and the thoroughness of the Viceroy Yuan's arrangements for the protection of the Court travelling through his jurisdiction will, it is expected, prevent any unpleasant accidents en route.

MINING IN HONAN.

The *Sinchenpo* states that some British mining engineers have lately arrived in Honan province en route to open certain coal mines in the three prefectures of Changtse, Weihsui, and Huihsing. These mines were granted to a British syndicate a few years ago at the time Liu Shu-tang—the cashiered Governor of Ch'iang last year—was Governor of Honan.

THE INTERNAL POLICY OF VICEROY YUAN.
It is stated from Peking that while Viceroy Yuan Shih-k'ai was in that city lately, H. E. conferred with Prince Ching with reference to (1) the establishment of a War Office at Tientsin, connected with the Peking Administration, which should control the organisation and supply of the land forces of Chihli and Shantung after the best foreign methods; (2) the complete rehabilitation of the Peking British or American Naval officers; and (3) the equipment and arming of the whole of the land forces of Chihli and Shantung with the most modern arms and ammunition, said forces to number at least 100,000 men within three years. It is also stated that Prince Ching fully agreed with the Viceroy.

EN ROUTE TO EXILE.

A Wuchang dispatch reports the arrival at that city from Nanking, on the 13th instant, of Yung Ch'uan (Manchu), ex-Provincial Treasurer of Ch'iang, who was cashiered on account of the anti-foreign riots in Chichou and other cities of Ch'iang last year. After calling upon the various high officials of the city, Yung Ch'uan left the same day by junk, escorted by a couple of gunboats, to go up the gorges en route for Chengtu, capital of Szechuan, which is to be his place of exile.

A REPORTED OFFICIAL CHANGE.

Dispatches received from Nanchang, the provincial capital of Kiangsi, state that there is a rumour amongst mandarin circles in that city to the effect that H. E. Li, Governor of the province, is to go to Shansi as Governor while H. E. Ts'ên Ch'ün-shien, Governor of that province, will come South to take Governor Li's place.

RUMOURS AND CONJECTURES.

The report that the Empress Dowager has the intention of appointing P'u Lun, Prince of the 4th Order, as Her Apparent upon her arrival at Peking would appear to be premature, and as a matter of fact so contrary to the usual policy of that shrewd and strong-minded old lady that the very announcement would seem to contradict itself. In other words, Prince P'u Lun is twenty-seven years old, having been born in 1874; and as the Empress Dowager's ambition is to get hold of some youthful member of the Imperial Clan—the younger the better—having no intention yet of relinquishing what she has, it seems improbable that she would even dream of putting one who has attained the age of manhood, possessing independence of mind and holding opinions of his own, in a position which could easily interfere with her own policy and work destruction to the party supporting her if such an Her Apparent hid the desire to do so. It is true that Prince P'u Lun, as the first character of his name designates, belongs to a junior branch, to that of either the present Emperor or the late Emperor Tung Chih, who is in want of an heir; but "circumstances alter cases" and the circumstance of P'u Lun's age must alter his case in the opinion of the Empress Dowager.

K'AI-FENG NOTES.

The *Universal Gazette's* K'ait'eng correspondent confirms our Peking correspondent's telegram of the 5th instant concerning the four suggestions of the Foreign Ministers which Prince Ching was asked to present to the Empress Dowager when he arrived at K'ait'eng the other day. The correspondent states that when the Empress Dowager asked what the Foreign Ministers desired Prince Ching burst into tears and exclaimed, "Your slave dare not say it." After a pause the Prince began with the third suggestion, namely, the disinheriting of the Her Apparent. The Empress

Dowager appeared displeased but eventually said quietly: "Well, I have always felt that the young man does not deserve such a high destiny." When Prince Ching gave the fourth suggestion, the deputation of Tung Fubiang, he received the reply, "This, at any rate, will be easy to effect." Finally, Prince Ching mustered up courage enough to present the first and second suggestions, namely, "the restoration to power of the Emperor, and the removal of Yung Lu and Lu Ch'uan-lin from the Grand Council." The Empress Dowager remained silent and thoughtful and made no reply. Prince Ching was then dismissed from audience for the day. As comment on the relations between Prince Ching and the notorious Lu Ch'uan-lin, the same correspondent remarks: "Prince Ching arrived at K'ait'eng from Peking on the 12th of November. On that same day Lu Ch'uan-lin sent in an application for sick leave, asking to be excused from attendance at the Grand Council. On the 17th idem Prince Ching obtained permission to return to Peking—which he did that forenoon—and on the evening before, Lu Ch'uan-lin reported himself 'well and ready to attend to his duties at Court.'" Further comments are needless.—*N. C. D. News.*

AS OTHERS SEE US.

PLAQUES AND THEIR MASTERS.

A few years ago, says the *N. Y. Tribune*, the world was upon the verge of panic over the bubonic plague. That pestilence, one of the most hideous and deadly known to man, was raging with destructive virulence at Hongkong, at Bombay and elsewhere, and nothing seemed able to check its ravages. Men identified it with the plague which scourged London for Stuart sins, and with the "Black Death" which decimated Europe in the Middle Ages. In that they may or may not have been correct. But they went on to assume, and openly to declare, that in like manner Europe was about to be scourged again, and that America was certain to suffer the same fate. Nothing could keep the bubonic plague from spreading to those shores, and once here nothing could keep it from ravaging all parts of the land. Such were the gloomy forebodings put forth by men reputedly of judgment and of "light and leading."

LOST ITS UNIQUE TERROR.

We shall not rush rashly to the opposite extreme, and say such a catastrophe is intrinsically impossible. But at least we may legitimately point out that it has not occurred; and that its occurrence now seems, upon the ground of what has actually taken place and been achieved, to be altogether improbable. The plague is still prevalent in some part of India. It is raging furiously in China, notably at Foo-chow. It has on many occasions in the last few years extended to Continental Europe, to Great Britain, to South America, and to the United States. But it has not gained a foothold in one of these countries. It has nowhere become epidemic, or caused any local anxiety. The result is that in popular estimation it has lost the 'unique terror' with which its name was once invested. A few years ago announcement of a single case of it at a European or an American port would have caused a panic. To-day it would scarcely vie in public interest with a new "problem play," and would be completely distanced by an "historical novel."

LONDON, 1660: HONGKONG, 1901.

This gratifying fact—which bespeaks not apathy, but conscious security—indicates the magnitude of the revolution wrought in human affairs by Pasteur and Lister and their disciples. Before their time sanitary science had not begun to exist. Civilized nations were, little better off than savage ones. The London of Charles II was no better than the Hongkong of to-day—the native Hongkong, with all its crowded squalour—and we should not court a comparison of the New York of cholera times with the present Bombay. Pasteur and Lister have changed all that. They have armed civilization against pestilence, and that now the deadliest plagues are held in check, and their few imported cases in enlightened lands serve only to emphasize the completeness of the immunity which such countries enjoy.

This end, so immeasurably beneficent to mankind, was attained through patient, painstaking scientific labour. It is to be maintained in the self-same way, and in no other.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENCE.

The genius of Pasteur may not be rivalled by another in our age. But at least the work which he wrought may be continued by those who have learned his lessons, and who in his spirit seek so to do. It took a Stephenson to invent the locomotive, but thousands of other men have since been able to run locomotive engines. Yet we would not take a rustic from the hedgerow, who did not know a throttle valve from a sandbox, and put him in charge of the engine of a limited express. Scarcely less obvious is the folly, and incomparably more serious might be the results, of putting the administration of sanitary science into the hands of the ignorant and unqualified. The public health department of a great city should be the most highly scientific of all branches of the government; and no matter how skilled some of the subordinates may be, it is at once an incongruity and a menace to put at the head of it a mere politician to whom the very elements of sanitary science are unknown. There are able and faithful scientists in the employ of the Health Department. But how unspeakably grotesque it is to have them subject to the orders of a preposterous Murphy or of a Sexton! Even under such a head the department may do admirable work. But what a reproach it is that good work should have to be done, not because of, but in spite of, its head!

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Auction.

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BY
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The Undersigned have been favoured with instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW, the 28th December instant, at 11 A.M. THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT OF LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S JEWELLERY.

Part of which was sold by Auction, on Saturday, the 14th instant.

A few lots will have an upset price marked at a very low figure which will be stated at the sale; with this exception the whole will be sold absolutely without reserve.

THE LOTS COMPRISE:—DIAMOND, OPAL, and CORAL NECKLACES, WATCHES, LADIES' LONG CHAINS, PENDANTS, BROOCHES, EAR RINGS, SLEEVE LINKS, RINGS SET with PRECIOUS STONES, SCARF PINS, &c., &c. Setting of English and Chinese Workmanship (the English settings being of Solid Gold, Hall marked 15 and 18 Carat);

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On View from Friday, the 27th instant.

TERMS:—As usual.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1901.

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Hongkong, 20th November, 1901.

[1256c]

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CHOPS, STEAKS, etc., etc., at any time, between 7.30 a.m. and 11 p.m.

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Hongkong, 2nd September 1901. [1958c]

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Hongkong, 2nd September, 1901. [141c]

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
IYO MARU* S. J. G. Parsons	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 30th Dec., at 4 P.M.
HIROSHIMA MARU. T. Murai	KOBE (DIRECT)	TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at Noon.
KUMANO MARU E. W. Haswell	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., 1902, at 4 P.M.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901.

[6c]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

VIA
SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN,
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA,
IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Steamers.	Tons.	Captains.	Proposed Sailings.
Olympia	2,837	J. Truebridge	Jan. 11
Glenogle	3,750	W. Frakes	Feb. 7
Duke of Fife	3,821	J. S. Cox	Feb. 22
Tacoma	2,811	A. Dixon	Mar. 8

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON £12.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Table.

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Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.

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The best route to the KLONDYKE GOLD FIELDS. Frequent sailings from VICTORIA, TACOMA to DYEA and ST. MICHAEL.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1901. [14c]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX; ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 30th December, 1901, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "YARRA" Captain Negre with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via Bombay.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s.s. *Devolante*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails leaving that Port on the 11th January, Direct to Suez, Port Said and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 30th instant. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [1002c]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"ORONAY" about 31st Dec. 1901.

"AFRIDI" about 10th Jan. 1902.

"HILLGLEN" about 20th Jan. 1902.

"LOWHER CASTLE" about 31st Jan. 1902.

For Freight and further Information, apply to

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [141c]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"VALETTA,"

Captain A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 4th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay without Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [1c]

To be Let.

TO LET.

FIVE ROOMED BUNGALOW, "RHEDA," BONHAM ROAD, Beginning from 1st January, 1902.

Apply to

LIAO TZE SAN,
CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION CO.,
38, Des Voeux Road.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1901. [1309c]

TO LET.

HOUSES in CLIFTON GARDENS, CONDUIT ROAD.

GODOWNS at BLUE BUILDINGS.

HOUSES at CAUSEWAY BAY, facing the Polo Ground.

A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE, "THE RETREAT," MOUNT KELLET.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1901. [1209c]

TO LET.

No. 1, STEWART TERRACE.—THE PEAK.

Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS.	TO SAIL.
SAMARANG and SOERABAYA	"BRUCKBURN"	28th instant.
AMOI, SAMARANG and SOERABAYA	"SHANTUNG"	29th instant.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"HUNGKANG"	30th instant.
SHANGHAI	"WOOSUNG"	2nd January.
Kobe and YOKOHAMA	"CHANGSHA"	12th January.
MANILA	"CHINGTU"	16th January.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.		

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS.	DUE.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MEMNON"	3rd January, 1902.
"	"IDOMENEUS"	21st "
"	"TANTALUS"	18th "
"	"AJAX"	12nd "
"	"PYRRHUS"	15th "

HOMEWARDS.

FOR LONDON.

"DEUCALION"	7th Jan., 1902.
"PELEUS"	21st "
"STENTOR"	4th Feb., "
"IDOMENEUS"	18th "
"AJAX"	4th March, "
"PATROCLOS"	20th Jan., 1902.
"TANTALUS"	15th Feb., 1902.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, O. S. S. Co.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

Agents for and in connection with
THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY,
Operating the New First-class Steamships
"INDRAVELLI," "INDRAPURA,"

and
"KNIGHT COMPANION,"
between

HONGKONG AND PORTLAND (OR.)

Calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE,

and YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship "INDRAVELLI" will be despatched for PORTLAND (OR.) on or about the 28th December, 1901.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports.

For Freight, apply to

THE PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.
Hongkong, 26th December, 1901. [1266c]

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR TAMSUI*.....	"DAIGI-MARU"	T. Kitanu	SUNDAY, 29th December.
FOR FOCHOW*.....	"ANPING MARU"	K. Sudaoki	THURSDAY, 2nd January.
FOR TAMSUI*.....	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 5th January.
FOR ANPING*.....	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 8th January.

* Via SWATOW and AMOY.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

For Freight, Passage and further Information, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1901. [1379c]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
(ORIENTAL S.S. CO.)

REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND MANILA
IN 48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship

"ROSETTA MARU,"

3,876 Ton Gross.

Captain Tate, having been placed on the above service, will be despatched hence for MANILA, on or about SATURDAY, the 4th January, 1902, at Noon.

Magnificent accommodation. Comfortable cabins. Excellent table. Unrivalled speed. Electric light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

No. 6, Ice House Street and Corner of Des Voeux Road, 1st floor.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1901. [1380c]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, FUEME and TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS, to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE,"

Captain Bellen, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 15th January, P.M.

The steamer has capital accommodation for passengers. Electric light. A doctor is carried.

For Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [1317c]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LAISANG,"

Captain Payne, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1901. [1406c]

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO'S

"NEW YORK" LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ASAMA,"

Captain Bement, will be despatched for the above Port, on or about the 31st instant.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [1401c]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CALEDONNIEN,"

Captain Blanc, will be despatched for the above Ports, on or about TUESDAY, the 31st instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

P. DE CHAMPMORIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1901. [1004c]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"PRINZ HEINRICH,"

of the NORDDOISCHER LLOYD.

Captain R. Heintze, due here with the outward German Mail about the 30th instant, will leave for the above Places about 24 hours after arrival.

NORDDOISCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th December, 1901. [123]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENFARG,"

Captain Donaldson, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MCGREGOR BROS. & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [1400c]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Screw Steamship

"KUMANO MARU,"

(4,700 Tons Gross, Captain E. W. Haswell), will be despatched for the above Port, on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, at 4 P.M.

This New Mail Steamship is specially constructed for service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [1401c]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLIE,"

Captain St. John George, will be despatched, as above on THURSDAY, the 9th January, 1902, at NOON.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly-qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA, are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1901. [1363c]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BENGAL,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—

From London, &c., ex S.S. Australia and Roma.

From Calcutta, ex S.S. Masilia.

From Persian Gulf, ex B.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 8 A.M. TO-MORROW.

Goods not cleared by the 28th instant, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Unclaimed Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [15]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SILESIA,"

Captain Bahle, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [1400c]

Consignees.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [4]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"CHINA."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

GEORGE ECKLEY,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [1]

Intimations.

DROZ & Co.,

WATCH MANUFACTURERS,

STEAM FACTORY ESTABLISHED 1864.

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MAXIM, BERN, &c.

REPAIRS OF WATCHES and CLOCKS

by competent European experts at Moderate Rate.

No. 10, QUEEN'S-ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1901. [526c]

NEW GOODS.

PLENTY

IN

HAND.

JAPANESE CURIOS.

D. NOMA,

No. 12, Beaconsfield

Arcade,

Opposite the City Hall.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1900. [41]

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

JEYES FLUID

DISINFECTANT

SOAP.

AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY ITS USE.

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,

Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1901. [127]

JUST UNPACKED.

BEST GERMAN SAUSAGES of a well known make, in small and large tins, of various kinds.

Finest WESTPHALIAN HAMS.

H. RUTTONJEE,

5, D'Almeida Street and

39 & 40, Elgin Road, Kowloon.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1901. [34]

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

THERAPION.

This successful and highly popular remedy, as employed in the Continental Hospitals by Ricord, Rostan, Jobert, Velpeau, and others, combines all the desiderata to be sought in a medicine of the kind, and surpasses everything hitherto employed.

THERAPION No. 1, in a few days only, removes all discharges from the urinary organs, effectually superseding injections, the use of which does irreparable harm by laying the foundation of stricture and other serious diseases.

In dysentery, piles, irritation of the lower bowel, cough, bronchitis, asthma, and some of the more trying complaints of this kind, it will be found astonishingly efficacious, affording prompt relief where other well-tried remedies have been powerless.

THERAPION No. 2, for impurity of the blood, scurvy, pimples, spots, blotches, pains and swellings of the joints, secondary symptoms, disease of the bones, sore throat, and all diseases for which it has been so much a fashion to employ mercury, sarsaparilla, &c., to the destruction of the sufferer's teeth and ruin of health. This preparation purifies the whole system through the blood, and thoroughly eliminates every poisonous matter from the body.

THERAPION No. 3, for nervous exhaustion, waste of vitality, and all the distressing consequences arising from early error, excess, residence in hot, unhealthy climates, &c. It possesses surprising power in restoring strength and vigour to the debilitated.

THERAPION may be procured of the principal Chemists and Merchants throughout the world. Price in England 2/6 and 4/6. In order to the purchaser should state which of the three numbers he requires, and observe that the word "THERAPION" appears on the Government Stamp (in white letters on a red ground) affixed to every genuine package by order of Her Majesty's Hon. Commissioners, and without which it is a forgery.

Sold by A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited, Hongkong, China and Manila. [69]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I BEG, to inform my Patrons and Public Generally that I have REMOVED my Stores from No. 13 to No. 5, D'ALMEIDA STREET.

H. RUTTONJEE

NOTANDA

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Metereological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1895.

Barometer	30.181
Thermometer	62.4
Humidity	64
Windfall	0.985

TO-DAY

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at	On date at
10 a.m.	1 p.m.
Barometer	30.24
Thermometer	59
Humidity	68
Windfall	76

TO-DAY

Friday, 27th December, 1901.

Chinese—17th of 12th moon of 27th year of Kuang-sü.

Sun—Rises..... 6hr. 38min.

Sets..... 5hr. 20min.

High water—Morning..... 6hr. 30min.

Afternoon..... 1hr. 25min.

Low water—Morning..... 6hr. 22min.

Afternoon..... 3hr. 5min.

ANNIVERSARIES

1860—Peace Convention between England and China.

1865—Dedication of Hongkong Masonic Hall.

1897—Admiral Fitzgerald arrived in H.M.S. Grafton.

TO-MORROW

Saturday, 28th December, 1901.

Chinese—18th of 12th moon of 27th year of Kuang-sü.

Sun—Rises..... 6hr. 37min.

Sets..... 5hr. 20min.

High water—Morning..... 6hr. 30min.

Afternoon..... 1hr. 25min.

Low water—Morning..... 6hr. 22min.

Afternoon..... 3hr. 5min.

ANNIVERSARIES

1851—Great fire in Hongkong; 472 houses destroyed.

1857—Canton bombarded by Allied forces of Great Britain and France.

1879—Tay Bridge disaster; 70 lives lost.

1883—Loss of the *Kwai Yuen* with 280 lives.

AGENDA

Gospel Hall.

6 Arsenal Street, Top Floor, Off Queen's Road, East.

Meetings are held as follows—

SUNDAY.

Acts 2:42..... 11 a.m.

Gospel Address..... 6 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Soldiers and Sailors Bible Class. 6 p.m.

THURSDAY.

General Bible Class..... 6 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Prayer Meeting..... 6 p.m.

A Hearty Welcome given to all.

SHIPPING GAZETTE.

In future the *Telegraph* shipping form supplied to Captains of vessels will contain a heading for notices of officers and engineers transferred or on leave, etc. Friends will much oblige by giving this information—

December 3rd.

The officers of the German s.s. *Phra C. C. Kiao* are—

Capt. T. A. Morris, chief officer

T. V. Brisku, 2nd officer H. Oldsen, chief engineer

G. Kistel, 2nd engineer P. Konowski, 3rd engineer J. Beyer.

December 27th.

The officers of the steamer *Chinglu* are—

Capt. Williams, chief officer, J. McGregor, 2nd officer

E. Herbert, 3rd officer, Aley Connor, chief engineer

Mr. Kerr, 2nd engineer, Archer, 3rd engineer, Johnstone, 4th engineer, Swing.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 30th inst.

American (*Doris*) 31st inst.

French (*Caledonia*) 31st inst.

Australian (*Australian*) 31st inst.

Canadian (*Tartar*) 7th prox.

American (*Nippon Maru*) 8th prox.

American (*Peru*) 16th prox.

The N. P. S. Co.'s steamer *Clavering* sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 24th inst.

The N. P. S. Co.'s steamer *Braemar* arrived at Tacoma from Hongkong and Japan on the 23rd inst.

The G. L. Co.'s steamer *Benvorlich* from London and Straits left Singapore yesterday for this port.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Caledonia* with the next French mail, will leave Saigon to-morrow the 28th inst., at 2 a.m., for this port.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Canton River..... at Kowloon Dock.

Fuchun..... " " "

Paria..... " " "

Skull..... " " "

Maria Jelen..... " " "

Emeralda..... " " "

Emma Lyken..... " " "

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H. I. R. M. S. Sirois..... " " "

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H.M.S. Britomart..... " " "

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H. J. Albrecht..... " " "

Tai-chang..... " " "

Retarich..... " " "

Helrich Menell..... " " "

Talamachus..... " " "

EXCHANGE

Hongkong, 27th December.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer..... 1/10 1/16

Bank Bills, on demand..... 1/10 3/16

Credits, 4 months' sight..... 1/10 9/16

ON BERLIN, (demand)..... M. 1.88

ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand..... 2.32

Credits, 4 months' sight..... 2.30

ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand..... 45

Credits, 30 days' sight..... 45

ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer..... 1.88

On demand..... 1.88

ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer..... 75

Private 30 days' sight..... 75

ON YOKOHAMA, T.T...... 1/2 p.m.

Sovereigns Bank's Buying Rate..... 51.74

Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael..... 55.35

Bar Silver..... 253

Dollars..... nom.

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Gumpert, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. C. L.
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Cartwright, Miss. Rumsey, R.N., Hon.
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J. L. O. child
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Prynce, Capt. and Mrs.

QUEEN'S HOTEL.

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Lieut. Mestries, Mr. B.
Bowers, Dr. F. H. Malbark, Mr. H.
Cromin, Mr. J. Maitling, Capt. A.
Daniels, Mr. W. P. Plaffe, I.G. Navy,
Lieut. Paymaster
Dixon, Capt. A. Roberts, Mr. A. G.
Finsterburg, I.G. Navy. Shepherd, Mr. E. B.
Lieut. Stansbury, R.N., Lieut.
Gehle, Mr. A. and Mrs. and child
Golez, Mr. and Mrs. and child
Gwynne, Mrs. W. and Spodding, Mr.
family. Sherwood, Mr. & Mrs.
Garretts, Mr. C. A. P.
Halliday, Mr. Swartz, Mr. S.
Hansch, I.G. Navy, Dr. Wallace, Mr. George
Johnstone, Mr. R. F. Wallace, Mr. George
Kay, Mr. Wm. L. I.G. Navy,
Lieut. Chief-Engineer
Lewin, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. A. H. C.
Lewin, Mr. and child. Wishall, Mr. and Mrs.
McDermott, Mr. and H. V.

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Barrett, Lieut. & Mrs. Crockett, Miss
A. S. (H.K.R.) Groves, Capt. and Mrs.
Bilbrough, Mr. C. T. S. and family
Bilbrough, Mrs. Jensen, Mr. Fr.
Connell, Capt. Monrow, Miss
Corback, Capt. W. V. Riegen, Mr. V.
Crockett, Mrs. Silbermann, Mrs. I.

THE SHARE MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(DECEMBER 27th.)

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE	LATEST QUOTATION.
Banks.		
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 13	\$620
The Bank of China and Japan, Limited—(Preference)	\$ 5	nominal
The Bank of China and Japan, Limited—(Ordinary)	\$ 4	\$0.15
The Bank of China and Japan, Limited—(Deferred)	\$ 1	nominal
National Bank of China, Limited	\$ 1	\$27 buyers
Do. Founders	\$ 1	\$15
Marine Insurances.		
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	\$ 50	\$145 sellers
China Trade Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 25	\$52 buyers
Yong China Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 25	Tails 180 buyers
Yongze Insurance Association, Limited	\$ 50	\$130 sellers
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	\$ 50	\$155 sellers
Straits Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 20	nominal
Fire Insurances.		
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$165 sales
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 20	\$87 sales
Shipping.		
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited	\$ 15	\$36 buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$140 ex-div. sellers
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$60 sales
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$47 sellers
China Mutual Steam Navigation Company, Limited—(Preference)	\$ 10	\$10
China Mutual Steam Navigation Company, Limited—(Ordinary)	\$ 5	\$5
China Mutual Steam Navigation Company, Limited—(Ordinary Bonus)	\$ 7.10	\$7.10
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	\$ 2	\$2 sellers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	\$ 1	\$2 12/6
Shanghai Tug Boat Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 175
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	Tails 50	Tails 155
Shanghai Cargo Boat Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 137
Co-operative Cargo Boat Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 137
Refineries.		
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$155 sellers
Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$160
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	Tails 50	Tails 76
Mining.		
Panjin Mining Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$5 sellers
Panjin Mining Preference Shares	\$ 1	\$14 sellers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Francs 250	\$375 buyers
Queen Mines, Limited	Cents 25	4 cents
Jebleu Mining and Trading Company, Limited	\$ 185	\$4 sellers
Raub A'lian Gold Mining Company, Limited	\$ 185	\$10 sellers
Olivers Freehold Mines, Limited	\$ 5	nominal
Olivers Freehold Mines, Limited B.	\$ 5	nominal
Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, Ltd.	\$ 1	Tails 9.60
Docks, Wharves and Godowns.		
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$290
S. C. Farham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Tails 100	Tails 252 buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$94 sales
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$28 buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf & Godown Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 302
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.		
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$6
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$195 sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ltd.	\$ 30	\$33 sellers
West Point Building Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$65 sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$138 sellers
Oriente Hotel Company, Limited (Manila)	\$ 50	\$57
Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai)	\$ 100	\$285
Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$14 sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	\$ 50	Tails 101
Cotton Mills.		
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$133 sales
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 41 sales
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 20 sellers
Low-lung-mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 50 sales
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 160
Yahlong Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	Tails 100	nominal
Tobacco, Cigar and Cigarette Companies.		
Alhambra, Limited	\$ 500	\$500 nominal
Philippine Tobacco Company, Limited	\$ 20	\$25 sales
Shanghai-Sunata Tobacco Company	\$ 20	Tails 40
American Cigarette Company, Limited	Tails 50	Tails 50
Miscellaneous.		
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$22 sales
China-Borneo Company, Limited	\$ 15	\$38 sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$154 sellers
Watkins, Limited	\$ 10	\$154 sellers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$154 sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$140 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$175 sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	\$ 25	\$55 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	\$ 25	\$105 sellers
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$290 buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	\$ 6	\$11 buyers
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$11 buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	\$ 1	\$1 buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	\$ 1	\$1 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	\$ 1	\$1 buyers
Tobacco Planting Company, Limited	\$ 1	\$1 buyers
Universal Trading Co., Limited	\$ 20	\$20 buyers
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Limited	\$ 5	\$8 buyers
China Light and Power Co., Limited	\$ 20	\$20 buyers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	\$ 50	\$50
Manila Investment Co., Limited	\$ 50	\$50
William Powell, Limited	\$ 50	\$50
Shanghai-Langkat Tobacco Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 332

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STEAMERS EXPECTED.

VESSEL'S NAME	FROM	AGENTS	DUE
Prinz Heinrich	Singapore	Melchers & Co.	December 30th

Post Office.

A Mail will close:-

For Canton—Per *Hankow*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 7.30 A.M.
 For Manila—Per *Esmeralda*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Haiphong—Per *Thea*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Singapore—Per *Java*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 11 A.M.
 For Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland, (Or)—Per *Indravalli*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 2 P.M.
 For Samarang and Sourabaya—Per *Brinkburn*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per *Daigi Maru*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Amoy, Samarang and Sourabaya—Per *Shanghai*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Europe, &c., India, via Tutucon—Per *Yarra*, on Monday, the 30th inst., at 11 A.M.
 For Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria (B.C.) and Seattle (U.S.A.)—Per *Yarra*, on Monday, the 30th inst., at 3 P.M.
 For Manila—Per *Sungking*, on Monday, the 30th instant, at 3 P.M.
 For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Laitang*, on Tuesday, the 31st inst., at 10 A.M.
 For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *China*, on Tuesday, the 31st inst., at 11 A.M.
 For Manila, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Kama Maru*, on Thursday, the 2nd Jan., at 3 P.M.
 For Shanghai—Per *Wootung*, on Thursday, the 2nd Jan., at 4 P.M.
 For Europe, &c., India, via Tutucon—Per *Valitia*, on Saturday, the 4th Jan., at 11 A.M.
 For Europe, &c., India, via Tutucon—Per *Princess Irene*, on Wednesday, the 8th Jan., at 11 A.M.
 For Kobe and Yokohama—Per *Changsha*, on Sunday, the 12th Jan., at 4 P.M.
 For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. and Vancouver—Per *Empress of China*, on Wednesday, the 15th January, at 11 A.M.
 For Manila, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Chinglu*, on Thursday, the 16th Jan., at 4 P.M.
 For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Tartar*, on Tuesday, the 29th Jan., at 11 A.M.

RIVER STEAMERS, SCHOONERS, AND LORCHAS.

Fatsan, British steamer, 1,425, Lossius, Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.
Hon-nam, British steamer, 1,377, H. D. Jones, Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.
Powan, British steamer, 1,873, A. N. Patrick, Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.
Hankow, British steamer, 2,252, C. V. Lloyd, Butterfield & Swire.
Hot-long, Chinese steamer, 409 tons, Captain Chi Wo & Co.
Tai-on, British steamer, 728, J. Lawrence, Tai On Steamship Co.
Pak Kong, British steamer, Kwong Wan S.S. Co.
Kong Nam, British steamer, T. Austin, R.N.R., Chinese Owned.

Hongkong and Macao.
Heung-han, British steamer, 1,055, W. E. Clarke, Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.

Macao and Canton.

Lung-shan, British steamer, 1,41, G. F. Morrison, R.N.R., Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.
Klanglung, Chinese steamer, 583, R. J. MacKenzie, China Merchant Steam Navigation Co.

Canton and West River.

Nanning, British steamer, R. D. Thomas, Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.
Sainam, British steamer, W. Dixon, Hongkong, Canton and West River Steamboat Co.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.
ALISA CRAIG, British steamer, 2,166, E. Robertson, 26th Dec.—Moji, Japan 18th Dec. Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
BRAND, Norwegian steamer, 1,529, John Thomson, 30th Nov.—Moji 23rd Nov. Coal and Cokes.—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.
CHINA, American steamer, 3,187, D. E. Friele, 22nd Dec.—San Francisco 23rd Nov. and Shanghai 20th Dec. Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.
DAIGI MARU, Japanese steamer, 846, T. Kitano, 25th Dec.—Tamsui 22nd Dec. Amoy 23rd and Swatow 24th, General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,001, F. Frahm, 25th Dec.—Saligou 21st Dec. Rice.—Siemssen & Co.
ELITA NOSSACK, German steamer, 1,161, H. Bruhn, 25th Dec.—Canton 25th Dec. General.—E. A. Trading Co.
EMMA, German steamer, 1,681, J. Samuelsen, 25th Dec.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 17th Dec. General.—Jensen & Co.
EMPEROR OF CHINA, British steamer, 3,003, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 25th Dec.—Vancouver, (B.C.) Dec. and Shanghai 22nd, Mails and General.—C. P. R. Co.
ESMERALDA, British steamer, 966, R. Rodgers, 23rd Dec.—Manila 20th Dec. General.—Shevan, Toimes & Co.
GLAUCUS, British steamer, 3,519, Bari, 24th Dec.—Fochow 23rd Dec. General.—Butterfield & Swire.
HATTAN, British steamer, 1,183, J. S. Roach, 24th Dec.—Swatow 23rd Dec. General.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
HANS MENZEL, German steamer, 1,694, Th. Nebinger, 17th Dec.—Canton 16th Dec. General.—E. A. Trading Co.
HATASEE, British steamer, 2,166, Peters, 26th Dec.—Manila 22nd Dec. Ballast.—Blackhead & Co., Ltd.
HEINRICH MENZEL, German steamer, 989, P. Dells, 24th Dec.—Canton 23rd Dec. General.—E. A. Trading Co.
INDRANI, British steamer, 2,337, R. N. Hill, 25th Dec.—Manila 23rd Dec. General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
INDRAVELLI, British steamer, 3,152, N. E. Graves, R.N.R., 16th Dec.—Portland, O. 6th Nov. General.—Mc Allan Cameron.
IYO MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,918, Parsons, 15th Dec.—Moji 11th Dec. General and Coal.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
KANSU, British steamer, 1,242, Baddeley, 23rd Dec.—Canton 22nd Dec. General.—Butterfield & Swire.
KASHU, British steamer, 1,126, R. Sanderson, 25th Dec.—Chinkiang 20th Dec. General.—Butterfield & Swire.

KEONWAI, German steamer, 1,115, A. von Riogen, 23rd Dec.—Ang Hin 15th Dec. General.—Melchers & Swire.
KVARVEN, Norwegian steamer, 1,754, J. Kenity, 24th Dec.—Moji 18th Dec. Coals.—Butterfield & Swire.
LAI SAN, British steamer, 2,225, G. Payne, 23rd Dec.—Calcutta 6th Dec. and Singapore 17th, General and Opium.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LOONGMOON, German steamer, 1,245, R. Schuldt, 25th Dec.—Canton 25th Dec. General.—Siemssen & Co.
MARIE JENSEN, German steamer, 1,771, P. Hemmet, 19th Dec.—Bangkok 1st Dec. Rice.—Kong Fat.
MAUSANG, British steamer, 1,644, W. D. Welsh, 17th Dec.—Sandalan 11th Dec. Timber and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
OLYMPIA, American steamer, 1,791, John Truebridge, 14th Dec.—Tacoma via Japan 11th Dec. General.—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.
PAX, Belgian steamer, 1,207, E. Damster, 12th Dec.—Moji 6th Dec. Sugar and Skins.—Butterfield & Swire.
PERLA, British steamer, 1,286, G. Blackland, 24th Dec.—Moji 7th Dec. Sugar.—Showan, Toimes & Co.
PETRARCH, German steamer, 1,251, H. Uecker, 20th Dec.—Labuan 12th Dec. Sugar.—Sander, Wieler & Co.
POLAMHALL, British steamer, 2,596, T. W. Heppel, 22nd Dec.—New York 19th Oct. Cases Oil.—Standard Oil Co.
ROBERT DICKINSON, British steamer, 1,331, S. McDonnell, 17th Dec.—Singapore 9th Dec. Kerosine.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
SALAMANCA, British steamer, 883, J. H. Anderson, 16th Dec.—Moji 9th Dec. Coal.—Bradley & Co.
SATURN, American transport, 1,617, Frank E. Foe, 14th Nov.—Shanghai 11th Nov.
SKULD, Norwegian steamer, 914, Berbour, 15th Dec.—Bangkok 15th Nov. Rice.—Mang-sou.
STENTOR, British steamer, 4,308, C. Jackson, 25th Dec.—Liverpool 15th Nov. and Singapore 20th Dec. General.—Butterfield & Swire.
SULLBERG, German steamer, 782, J. Jensen, 26th Dec.—Haiphong 22nd Dec. Rice.—A. R. Marty.
SUNGKIANG, British steamer, 1,021, S. W. Moore, 24th Dec.—Manila 21st Dec. General.—Butterfield & Swire.
TAKSANG, British steamer, 873, W. P. Baker, 21st Dec.—Bangkok via Ang Hin 14th Dec. General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
TELEACHUS, British steamer, 1,340, J. Williamson, 20th Dec.—Saigon 14th Dec. Rice-Meal.—Nam Wo Co.
THEA, German steamer, 934, H. Ohberich, 26th Dec.—Haiphong 24th Dec. General.—Jensen & Co.
TIENSIN, British steamer, 1,250, H. Mathias, 25th Dec.—Canton 25th Dec. General.—Butterfield & Swire.
WAKASA MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,881, J. B. Macmillan, 25th Dec.—Moji 21st Dec. General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Sailing Vessels.

DIRIGO, American ship, 2,845, Geo. W. Goodwin, 6th Dec.—New York 30th June. Kerosine Oil.—Master.
FRED P. LITCHFIELD, American bark, 1,080, Allen Fulton, 12th Dec.—Fremantle, W.A. 15th Sept. Sandalwood.—Order.
HERZOG JOHANN ALBRECHT, German schooner, 701, Andersen, 10th October.—Manila 6th Oct. General.—Master.
J. B. WALKER, American bark, 875, Day, 9th Dec.—Manila 14th November. Ballast.—Standard Oil Co.
LUCIA, British ship, 640, Andersen, 20th Oct.—Rajang 6th Sept. Timber.—Master.
MOBILE DAY, British bark, 1,117, James A. Boyd, 12th Dec.—Hongay 17th Nov. Coals.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
OSBERGA, British bark, 950, Densmore, 4th Nov.—Manila 1st Nov. Ballast.—Order.
SEA WITCH, American ship, 1,172, Howes, 21st Feb.—Manila 18th Feb. Ballast.—Master.
VALE OF DOON, British bark, 669, J. Petersen, 16th Dec.—Rajang 18th Nov. Timber.—Sander, Wieler & Co.
WEST YORK, British bark, 706, W. S. Forster, 20th Dec.—Callao 10th Oct. Ballast.—E. A. Trading Co.

HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.

Hongkong, December 27th, 1901.
Alacrity, despatch-vessel, 1,700 tons, 10 guns, 3,000 h.p., Capt. Cradock, Hongkong.
Albion, 1st-class battleship, 12,950 tons, 13,500 h.p., 16 guns, Capt. W. W. Hewett, Japan.
Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 h.p., Comdr. W. Carey, Shanghai.
Arethusa, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,300 tons, 10 guns, 5,000 h.p., Capt. J. Startin, Shanghai.
Argonaut, 1st-class cruiser, 11,000 tons, 16,500 h.p., 16 guns, Capt. G. H. Cherry, R.N., Japan.
Astrak, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,300 tons, 7,000 h.p., 10 guns, Capt. C. J. Baker, Shanghai.
Aurora, 1st-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 8,500 h.p., 12 guns, Capt. E. H. Bayly, C.B., Hongkong.
Blenheim, 1st-class cruiser, 9,000 tons, 12 guns, 21,411 h.p., Capt. F. H. Henderson, C.M.O., Hongkong.
Bramble, 1st-class gunboat, 710 tons, 1,300 h.p., 6 guns, Lieut. and Comdr. F. M. Leake, Canton.
Brisk, 3rd-class cruiser, 1,700 tons, 6 guns, 5,600 h.p., Commander Sir Bourchier Wrey, Bart, Singapore.
Brilliant, 1st-class gunboat, 710 tons, 1,300 h.p., 6 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. E. A. Baird, Hongkong.
Cressy, 1st-class battleship, 12,000 tons, Capt. Tudor, Marseilles.
Daphne, sloop, 1,140 tons, 8 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Wm. C. Pakenham, Hongkong.
Edith, 1st-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 11 guns, 8,000 h.p., Capt. Stokes, Amoy.
Endymion, 1st-class cruiser, 7,350 tons, 12,000 h.p., 12 guns, Capt. A. W. Paget, C.M.O., Hongkong.
Esk, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. F. Blunt, Chinkiang.
Fame, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 5,400 h.p., in reserve.
Firebrand, 3rd-class gunboat, 455 tons, 4 guns, 360 h.p., Lt. and Beatty Fownall, Hongkong.
Glory, 1st-class flagship, 12,500 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. A. Carter, Hongkong.
Goliath, 1st-class battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. L. Wintz, Hongkong.
Hart, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., in reserve.
Handy, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut. and Comdr. G. C. Hardy.
Humber, storeship, 1,640 tons, 800 h.p., Com. H. J. Davison, Hongkong.
Janus, torpedo-boat destroyer, 280 tons, 6 guns, 3,900 h.p., in reserve.
Osprey, 1st-class battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. Arthur J. Renzler, Hongkong.

Orlando, 1st-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 h.p., Capt. J. H. Burke, C.B., Hongkong.
Oller, torpedo-boat destroyer, 350 tons, 6 guns, 5,300 h.p., Lieut. and Com. C. F. Mansel, Taku.
Phaenix, sloop, 1,060 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 h.p., Comdr. W. H. Nicholson, Shanghai.
Fligey, 1st class gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lt. and Comdr. Oldham, Hongkong.
Fligey, twin-screw, 2nd-class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. H. C. Reynolds, Hongkong.
Flower, 1st class gunboat, 435 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Watts Jones, Hongkong.
Ram, surveying ship, 583 tons, 650 h.p., Capt. Morris H. Smyth, Hongkong.
Redpole, 1st-class gunboat, 805 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. F. Corbett, Canton.
Robin, river-gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. G. G. Webster, West River.
Rosario, sloop, 980 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 h.p., Comdr. A. W. Hamilton, Wei-hai-wei.
Sandpiper, British river-gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lt.-Comdr. Carr, West River.
Snipe, river-gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut. and Commander Dalgety, Yangtze.
Swift, 1st-class gunboat, 756 tons, 6 guns, 890 h.p., in reserve Hongkong.
Taku, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250 tons, in reserve Hongkong.
Talbot, 2nd-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 11 guns, 8,000 h.p., Capt. F. G. Stopford, Hongkong.
Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, Commodore Powell, C.B., Hongkong.
Terrible, 1st-class battleship, 14,200 tons, 30 guns, 25,000 h.p., Capt. Percy Scott, C.B., Wei-hai-wei.
Tweed, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 h.p., in Reserve Hongkong.
Waterwitch, coast defence gunboat, 620 tons, 450 h.p., Lt.-Comdr. W. O. Lyne, Hongkong.
Whiting, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 261 tons, 6 guns, 6,000 h.p., Lt.-Comdr. Mackenzie, D.S.O., Hongkong.
Witmer, coast defence ship, 2,750 tons, 4 guns, 1,000 h.p., Hongkong.
Woodcock, river-gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Watson, Kukiang.
Woodruff, river-gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. H. E. Hillman, Yangtze.
 Torpedo-boats in Reserve Nos. 8 and 20, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first-class; and 3 second-class boats.

Miscellaneous.

Aspern, Austrian gunboat, 976 tons, Capt. W. Weber, Shanghai.
Holland, Dutch cruiser, 8 guns, 3,900 tons, 9,100 h.p., Capt. S. N. Sybrandt, Swatow.
Kaiserin Elisabeth, Austrian cruiser, 8 guns, 4,900 tons, 9,000 h.p., Capt. Wiber, Singapore.
Koningin Wilhelmina der Nederlanden, Dutch cruiser, 8 guns, 4,600 tons, 5,900 h.p., Capt. J. P. Rossouw, Swatow.
Leopard, Austrian cruiser, 1,600 tons, Captain Muller, Saigon.
Liberal, Portuguese gunboat, 558 tons, Comdr. José da Cunha Lima, Macao.
Maria Theresia, Austrian cruiser, 10 guns, 5,900 tons, 9,755 h.p., Capt. V. Bless Ritter v. Sambucow, Shanghai.
Pia Hein, Dutch cruiser, 5 guns, 3,600 tons, 4,736 h.p., Capt. Jansen, Taku.
Zaire, Portuguese gunboat, 530 tons, Captain Melo, Macao.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

The Russian Squadron.
Admiral Korniloff, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,000 tons twin screw, 36 guns, 9,500 h.p., Capt. Jakovlev, at Nagasaki.
Admiral Nakhimoff, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,000 tons twin screw, 36 guns, 9,500 h.p., Capt. Vserolsky, at Tientsin.
Albatross, Russian gunboat, 810 tons, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Captain Eliskis, at Nagasaki.
Bobr, Russian gun-vessel, twin screw, 950 tons, 13 guns, 1,150 h.p., Captain Dobrovolsky, at Taku.
Dimitri Donkoff, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,893 tons, twin screw, 34 guns, 7,000 h.p., Comdr. Sharon, at Taku.
Gaidamak, Russian gunboat, 400 tons, twin screw, 18 guns, 3,500 h.p., Capt. Serebrennikoff, at Taku.
Gremolashch, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,492 tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. M. W. Weysky, at Shanghai.
Korvet, Russian cruiser, 1,200 tons, 9 guns, 2,150 h.p., Capt. Silmann, at Taku.
Mandjuria, Russian cruiser, 1,213 tons, twin screw, 14 guns, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Yakevoff, at Nagasaki.
Navarin, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 10 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. Yenish, at Nagasaki.
Nayadnik, Russian cruiser, 1,334 tons, 14 guns, 1,800 h.p., Capt. Zarine, at Nagasaki.
Otavsky, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,490 tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Captain Copianoff, at Shanghai.
Petrovsk, Russian battleship, 12,000 tons, Capt. Grevalis, at Nagasaki.
Poltava, Russian battleship, 10,960 tons, 12 guns, 11,455 h.p., 16 guns, Capt. Orgeroff, at Nagasaki.
Rosla, Russian armoured cruiser, 12,200 tons, 22 guns, 14,500 h.p., Capt. Domojoff, at Nagasaki.
Rosbanyth, Russian cruiser, 1,330 tons, 1,786 h.p., 11 guns, Capt. Komaroff, at Singapore.
Rurik, Russian flagship, 10,940 tons, armoured twin screw cruiser, 1st class, 48 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. Haupt, at Port Arthur.
Sevastopol, Russian battleship, 10,900 tons, 13,600 h.p., 16 guns, Capt. Meleusky, at Nagasaki.
Sitalch, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Kravtch, at Nagasaki.
Sisut Veliky, Russian battleship, 8,800 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 h.p., Capt. Tarassoff, at Hongkong.
Stovatch, Russian gunboat, 950 tons, twin screw 13 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Soubatin, at Nagasaki.
Sueborg, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 69 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 780 h.p., speed 19.7 knots.
Vladimir Monomach, Russian cruiser, 6,000 tons, 16 guns, Prince Ouchtomsky, at Port Arthur.
Vostok, Russian torpedo gunboat, 4 guns, 650 h.p., Com. Molchousky, at Nagasaki.
Vsudeh, Russian torpedo boat, 400 tons, 18 guns, twin screw, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Rogulja, at Taku.
Zablack, Russian cruiser, 1,230 tons, 20 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Shkruf, at Nagasaki.
 (1st and 2nd class.)
Delphin, Russian torpedo boat, 350 tons, Capt. Novakovsky, at Shanghai.
Forl, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Jantichet, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 970 h.p., 19 knots.
Kastalia, Russian torpedo boat, 350 tons, Capt. Mouravieff, at Shanghai.
Kil, Russian torpedo boat, 350 tons, Captain Klavins, at Shanghai.
Nargod, Russian torpedo boat, 85 tons, 4 guns, 900 h.p., 22 knots.
Novorossi, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 900 h.p., 22 knots.

Podarumsk, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Sitka, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Skoz, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Smirnow, at Shanghai.
Skorpion, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Soelchima, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 970 h.p., 19 knots.
Som, Russian torpedo boat, 400, Capt. A. Giers, at Shanghai.
Sierlaia, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Strauss, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Sungurt, Russian torpedo boat, 140 tons, 4 guns, 1,800 h.p., 22 knots.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA (SEA GOING).

Borgo, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 81 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 1,100 h.p., speed 12 knots.
Reval, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 96 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 780 h.p., speed 22 knots.
Uskur, Russian torpedo boat, 140 tons, 4 guns, 1,800 h.p., 22 knots.
 * Flagship of Vice-Admiral Alexioff.
 * Flagship of Rear-Admiral F. V. Dubossioff.
 * Flagship of Rear-Admiral Reunoff.

THE GERMAN SQUADRON.

Bismarck, German cruiser, 1,830 tons, 8 guns, Comdr. von Basewitz, at Hongkong.
 * *Furst Bismarck*, German flagship, 11,000 tons, 36 guns, Capt. Graf Lotke, at Taku.
Gefion, German cruiser, 4,100 tons, 10 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. Rollman, at Amoy.
Gelt, German cruiser, 1,600 tons, 8 guns, Capt. Bauer, at Shanghai.
 * *Hansa*, German cruiser, 6,800 tons, 30 guns, Capt. Paschen, at Wootung.
Hilde, German despatch-vessel, 2,000 tons, 12 Capt. Ramppold, at Wootung.
Hurka, German cruiser, 5,600 tons, 30 guns, Capt. Derwessky, at Hongkong.
Illis, German gunboat, 900 tons, 10 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. Stahmer, at Hongkong.
Irene, German cruiser, 4,200 tons, 8 guns, 2,950 h.p., Capt. Stein, at Nagasaki.
Jaguar, German gunboat, 1,000 tons, 10 guns, Capt. Berger, at Fochow.
Kaiserin Augusta, German cruiser, 6,331 tons, 20 guns, 14,500 h.p., Capt. Stein, at Amoy.
 * *Kurfurst*, German cruiser, 10,100 tons, 40 guns, Capt. von Hollandoff, at Wootung.
Lucha, German gunboat, 850 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. Degenhardt, at Shanghai.
Schwalbe, German cruiser, 1,220 tons, 8 guns, Comdr. Boerner, at Hankow.
Seeadler, German cruiser, 1,600 tons, 8 guns, Comdr. Schack, at Amoy.
Tiger, German gunboat, 950 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. von Mittelstadi, at Hongkong.
Weissenburg, German battleship, 10,100 tons, 40 guns, Capt. Holmeyer, at Amoy.
Warth, German battleship, 10,100 tons, 40 guns, Capt. Borkenhagen, at Taku.
K. F. Wilhelm, German battleship, at Nagasaki.
No. 99, German torpedo-boat, 320 tons, Capt. Hoepfner, at Shanghai.
No. 100, German torpedo-boat, 360 tons, Capt. Lieut. Pillen, at Shanghai.
No. 92, German torpedo-boat, 320 tons, Capt. Fluorich, at Shanghai.
 * Flagship of His Excellency Vice-Admiral Bendemann.
 * Flagship of Rear-Admiral Geissler.
 * Flagship of Rear-Admiral Kirchhoff.

THE FRENCH SQUADRON.

Alouette, gunboat, 200 tons, Lieut.-Comdr. Belloy, at Nagasaki.
Amiral Charner, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,800 tons, Capt. Baehne, Saigon.
Bengali, 2nd class despatch-boat, Lt.-Comdr. De La Croix de Castries, at Nagasaki.
Bugeaud, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,009 tons, 10 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. Lefebvre, at Shanghai.
Chastelloup, 2nd class, 4,000 tons, 18 guns, Capt. Espinay St. Luc, at Fochow.
Comete, gunboat, 600 tons, Capt. Lohel, at Canton.
Decedee, gunboat, 640 tons, Capt. Leameey, at Pakhoi.
 * *D'Entrecasteaux*, 1st class cruiser, 9,000 tons, 26 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. D. du Fournet, at Hongkong.
Descartes, 2nd class protected cruiser, 4,000 tons, 36 guns 631 h.p., Capt. L. de Sauve, at Saigon.
Eure, Dispatch-transport, Captain Vallée, at Saigon.
Franch, 3rd class cruiser, 3,900 tons, Capt. Adam, at Haiphong.
Jean Bar, 1st class cruiser, 4,500 tons, 10 guns, 8,000 h.p., Capt. Aubin, at Taku.
Kersira, 3rd class cruiser, 1,300 tons, 23 guns, 2,200 h.p., Capt. de la Motte du Portail, at Saigon.
Lion, gunboat, 500 tons, 8 guns, 576 h.p., Capt. Frost, at Taku.
Pascal, 2nd-class protected cruiser, 4,000 tons, 36 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. M. Motet, at Shanghai.
Surprise, gunboat, 700 tons, 10 guns, 860 h.p., Capt. Mornet, at Shanghai.
Ville D'Alger, monitor, 944 tons, Captain Bommersat, at Hongkong.
Viper, gunboat, 400 tons, Captain G. del Villeneuve, at Fochow.
 * Flagship of Vice-Admiral Courjeolles.

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

Albatross, U.S. cruiser, 3,500 tons, Comdr. J. E. Casig, at Manila.
Bennett, U.S. gunboat, 1,710 tons, 6 guns, 3,435 h.p., Comdr. C. H. Arnold, at Hongkong.
Brooklyn, Flagship, U.S. cruiser, 9,215 tons, Capt. C. M. Thomas, at Shanghai.
Callao, U.S. gunboat, 137 tons, 1 gun, 55 h.p., Lieut.-Com. G. B. Bradshaw, at Manila.
Castine, U.S. gunboat, 1,330 tons, 8 guns, 2,199 h.p., Comdr. S. W. Verry, at Shanghai.
Celle, U.S. supply-ship, 6,428 tons, 1,890 h.p., Comdr. C. T. Forse, at Manila.
Concord, U.S. gunboat, 1,700 tons, 6 guns, 3,405 h.p., Comdr. H. G. D. Colby, at Manila.
Culgoa, U.S. supply-ship, 7,000 tons, 2,350 h.p., Comdr. J. W. Carlin, at Manila.
Don Juan de Austria, U.S. gunboat, 1,200 tons, Capt. Bowman, at Hongkong.
Glacier, U.S. supply-ship, Lieut.-Comdr. A. Metz, at Manila.
Helena, U.S. gunboat, 1,397 tons, 8 guns, 1,998 h.p., Comdr. E. K. Moore, at Manila.
Iris, U.S. distilling-ship, 1,750 tons, 1,300 h.p., Capt. J. J. Meany, at Manila.
Isla de Luzon, U.S. gunboat, 1,334, Comdr. J. V. B. Bleeker, at Manila.
Kentucky, U.S. battleship, 11,500 tons, Capt. C. H. Stockton, at Amoy.
Manila, U.S. gunboat, 1,027 tons, 2 guns, 750 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. A. E. Naro, at Manila.
Maritima, U.S. gunboat, 1,000 tons, 1,500 h.p., 12 guns, Comdr. E. H. Green, at Canton.
Monadnock, U.S. double-turret monitor, 4,000 tons, 6 guns, 3,000 h.p., Comdr. A. B. Speyers, at Canton.
Monocacy, U.S. gunboat, 1,370 tons, 6 guns, 1,850 h.p., Com. G. A. Ricknell, at Taku.
Montevideo, U.S. double-turret monitor, 4,000 tons, 4 guns, 5,244 h.p., Comdr. G. W. Piggan, at Shanghai.
Narvik, U.S. cruiser, Comdr. R. P. Rogers, at Nagasaki.

New York, U.S. cruiser, 4,083 tons, Capt. B. McCullum, at Manila.
Oregon, 1st-class U.S. battleship, 10,280 tons, 16 guns, 12,111 h.p., Capt